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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN AKER GROUP REPORTEDLY "REMOVED" FROM
ARAB BOYCOTT LIST

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1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THE AKER GROUP, NORWAY'S
SECOND LARGEST INDUSTRIAL CONCERN, HAS RECENTLY BEEN "REMOVED"
FROM THE ARAB BOYCOTT LIST. A FEW DAYS AFTER THE ALLEGED
"REMOVAL" AKER'S BERGENS MEKANISKE VERKSTED (BMV) RECEIVED
WORD FROM EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES THAT ITS CONTRACT FOR THE BUILD-
ING OF TWO HOTEL SHIPS FOR EGYPT (REFTELS) WAS IN ORDER.

2. AKER FOUND ITSELF ON THE BOYCOTT LIST AFTER IT BUILT
FRUIT-CARRYING SHIPS FOR ISREAL IN THE 1960S. THE FIRM HAS
ALSO BUILT PATROL BOATS FOR ISREAL SINCE THAT TIME. IT WAS
ONLY ABOUT A YEAR AGO, HOWEVER, THAT THE BOYCOTT ISSUE AGAIN
CAME TO THE SURFACE, WHEN IT BECAME KNOWN THAT AKER WAS
NEGOTIATING WITH EGYPT OVER THE DELIVERY OF THE HOTEL SHIPS.

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3. COMMENT: AKER IS UNDOUBTEDLY VERY ANXIOUS TO ENTER THE
GROWING MIDDLE EAST OFFSHORE MARKET, GIVEN ITS EXPERTISE IN
PLATFORM, RIG, AND SHIPBUILDING, AND "REMOVAL" FROM THE BOYCOTT
LIST THEREFORE WILL ALLOW IT TO COMPETE "LEGITIMATELY" FOR CONTRACTS
LET BY ARAB LEAGUE STATES. THE HOTEL SHIP CONTRACT WITH EGYPT
IS ALSO WELCOMED BY THE SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY, ALTHOUGH IT
IS NOT EXPECTED TO AFFECT THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO ALLOW

SHIPYARD EMPLOYMENT IN NORWAY TO DECLINE IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

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